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Global Food Security: U.S. Commitment to Action



More than one billion people suffer from chronic hunger. Without enough food, adults struggle to work and children struggle to learn. Global food supplies must increase by an estimated 50 percent to meet expected demand in the next 20 years. Advancing sustainable agricultural-led growth increases the availability of food, keeps food affordable, and raises the incomes of the poor.

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Question of the Week: **What Steps Can Individuals Take To Advance Global Food Security?**

DEVELOPING STRONGER U.S.- AFRICA TIES

"We are eager to move beyond stereotypes that paint Africa as a land of poverty, disease, conflict, and not much else. And we will continue to lay a strong foundation for a new kind of engagement with Africa, one that is built on shared responsibility and shared opportunity, and on partnerships that produce measurable, lasting results."

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton
Washington, DC, October 1, 2009

WASHINGTON, DC, Oct. 1 -- Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton delivered keynote remarks at the Corporate Council on Africa's Seventh Biennial U.S.-Africa Business Summit. She discussed her recent trip to Africa, and reiterated the high-level of commitment the Obama Administration has to progress and prosperity in Africa. In her remarks she discussed the Obama Administrations agenda to promote trade, development, food and energy security, public private partnerships and good governance in Africa.



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A CONSTRUCTIVE BEGINNING: A DIALOGUE WITH IRAN

"The P5-plus-1 is united, and we have an international community that has reaffirmed its commitment to non-proliferation and disarmament. That's why the Iranian Government heard a clear and unified message from the international community in Geneva: Iran must demonstrate through concrete steps that it will live up to its responsibilities with regard to its nuclear program. In pursuit of that goal, today's meeting was a constructive beginning, but it must be followed by constructive action by the Iranian government."



President Barack Obama
Washington, DC, October 1, 2009

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 -- US President Barack Obama discussed a meeting that took place in Geneva, in which the United States, Russia, China, France, Germany, and the United Kingdom held talks with the Islamic Republic of Iran. During the meeting President Obama committed the United States to a comprehensive effort to strengthen the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, so that all nations have the right to peaceful nuclear power — provided that they live up to their international obligations. President Obama described the meeting as “constructive,” but stated that much work lies ahead. Moving forward, he urged the Iranian government to take constructive action by demonstrating its commitment to transparency and taking concrete steps to build confidence that its nuclear program will serve peaceful purposes that meet obligations under multiple U.N. Security Council resolutions. [Read More](#) | [DipNote Blog](#)



A New Era for Transatlantic Cooperation

BRUSSELS, BELGUIM, Oct. 1 -- Philip H. Gordon, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs

delivered remarks at the Transatlantic Policy Network. Assistant Secretary Gordon discussed challenges in Europe, along with the many global challenges that the European Union and the United States face together, such as Afghanistan, Iran, missile proliferation, and climate change. The underscored the need for support on these global issues and the importance of partnership with Europe and the European Union. [Read More](#)

Secretary Clinton to Travel to London, Dublin, Belfast and Moscow

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will travel to London, Dublin, Belfast, and Moscow from October 9 to 15, 2009.



In London and Dublin, Secretary Clinton will engage in a series of discussions on a wide range of bilateral, transatlantic, and global issues. In Belfast, the Secretary will emphasize the U.S. commitment to the joint economic prosperity of Northern Ireland and the United States, as well as reaffirming unwavering U.S. support for Northern Ireland's peace process.

In Moscow, the Secretary will meet with senior Russian officials to discuss progress on a successor agreement to START, cooperation on nonproliferation and counterterrorism, and next steps for the Clinton-Lavrov commission. [Read More](#)

Inside the Beltway

Secretary Clinton and Secretary Gates: A Discussion on American Power and Persuasion at George Washington University

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 -- On Monday October 5, 2009 Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates will be jointly interviewed in front of the George Washington University community by the George Washington University School of Media and Public Affairs' Director Frank Sesno and CNN Chief International Correspondent Christiane Amanpour. The event is co-sponsored by George Washington's School of Media and Public Affairs and GW's Elliott School of International Affairs, and in association with the University's Institute of Public Diplomacy and Global Communication. [Read More](#)



WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 -- The U.S. Department of State, in partnership with the Department of Commerce, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Iraqi Embassy announce the U.S. – Iraq Business and Investment Conference, scheduled to take place October 20-21, 2009, at the Capitol Hill Hyatt Hotel in Washington D.C.

The conference (USIBIC) is the first major event under the Strategic Framework Agreement between the United States and Iraq, an agreement that marks a new chapter in relations between the two nations.

The conference is intended to promote current investment and business opportunities in Iraq, provide matchmaking opportunities for U.S. and Iraqi firms, address the challenges to doing business in Iraq, and provide opportunities for U.S. firms to meet with Iraqi Ministers and other senior Government of Iraq officials, including provincial leaders. [Read More | More Information](#)

Global Issues Affecting the Nation

Resolution Passed To Protect Women in Conflict Situations

"The resolution we passed today represents a step forward in our global efforts to end violence perpetrated against women and children in conflict zones, and it builds on two prior Security Council resolutions: Resolution 1325, which called on all parties in conflicts to respect women's rights and increase their participation in peace negotiations and post-conflict reconstruction efforts; and Resolution 1820, adopted last year, which affirms the ambitions set out in 1325, and establishes a clear link between maintaining international peace and security, and preventing and responding to sexual violence used as a tactic of war to target civilians."



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton
New York, NY, September 30, 2009

NEW YORK, Sept. 30 -- Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton chaired a United Nations Security Council Session to adopt a strong resolution to end sexual violence against women and children in conflict-related situations. The resolution, drafted by the United States, outlines actions the UN and Member States can take to help prevent conflict-related sexual violence and end impunity. The draft resolution states that "ending impunity is essential if a society in conflict or recovering from conflict is to come to terms with past abuses committed against civilians affected by armed conflict and to prevent future such abuses." The Security Council's action to adopt this resolution is part of the Obama Administration's work to protect women and children in conflict situations. [Full Text](#) | [Remarks After Meeting](#) | [Fact Sheet](#) | [Global Women's Issues](#) | [DipNote: Women's Issues Blog](#)

Announcement of the 2009 Finalists for the Secretary of State's Award for Corporate Excellence

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1 -- Robert Hormats, Under Secretary for Economic, Energy and Agricultural Affairs, announced the 2009 finalists for the Secretary of State's Award for Corporate Excellence. The 11 finalists for the 2009 ACE are:

- Chevron in the Philippines
- Cisco Systems in Lebanon
- Cummins in China
- Intel Corporation in Costa Rica
- Marriott International in Jordan
- Officenet/Staples in Argentina



- Oracle Corporation in Romania
- Protec in Vietnam
- TOMS Shoes in Argentina
- Trilogy International Partners in Haiti
- White & Case LLP in Russia

These U.S. companies operating abroad were chosen as finalists from the 42 nominations submitted by U.S. Ambassadors around the world. Each of these companies has shown leadership in “the diplomacy of deeds” – doing good work that promotes opportunity and prosperity. The Secretary of State has awarded the ACE since 1999 to companies large and small in recognition of the outstanding contributions U.S. businesses make to the communities in which they do business. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton will present the winners for 2009 later this fall. [Read More](#)

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